ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR 1846-7.

LOWELL, MASS.:
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1847.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Feb. 6, 1847.

The Committee chosen to reckon and settle with Ephraim Wright, Town Treasurer, from July 2, 1846, to date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance received of Samuel Fletcher, late treasurer		$ 43 98
Cash received of State Treasurer, school fund		63 04
" " " Eli Tower, Collector before Oct. 2, 1846,		1,937 90
" " " " " " Dec. 2, 1846,		575 00
" " " " " after Dec. 2, 1846,		475 98
" " from all other sources		36 33
Amounting to		$3,132 23
And has paid out the following sums:		
John Abbot, note and interest	$ 193 77	
Interest on notes	116 77	
On orders	2,158 97	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	662 72	
		$3,132 23

Your committee further report that the town is indebted to the following named persons, on notes including interest, to wit:

Jonathan F. Parker	$ 460 58	
Henry Fletcher	103 00	
Amos Day	104 75	
Isaac W. Hutchins	32 16	
John Osgood	606 50	
George Fletcher	105 67	
Calista Hildreth	122 50	
John Abbot	419 75	
Trustees of Westford Academy	420 00	
Betsey Prescott	809 65	
Eve C. Kneeland	208 50	
Amounting to		$3,393 06
Outstanding orders	$133 93	
Outstanding claims estimated at	200 00	
Due Master of Poor house	220 00	
Amounting to		$3,946 99
Cash in Treasurer's hands	3662 72	
Military money due from the state	167 50	
Due from Master of Poor house	187 99	
		$1,018 21
Leaving the debt of the town		$2,928 78

Amount of debt due last year.....	$2,941 34	
Amount of debt due this year....	2,928 78	
Reducing the debt the sum of.....		$12 56

Your Committee further report that there is nothing due from the present or any past Collector of taxes.

JOHN W. P. ABBOT,
JOSEPH REED,
LEVI T. FLETCHER,
Committee.
EPHRAIM WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Annual report of the town of Westford for the year ending Feb. 7, 1847.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

George Kidder, for extra work.....	$ 1 20
David Whitney, for work on the brick yard hill.....	29 98
Calvin Howard, for work near his house.....	1 25
Levi T. Fletcher, for plank.....	70
Thomas Richardson, for work, plank, timber, and spikes, for the bridge near his dam.....	13 50
Bela Wright, for plank....	1 71
John P. Allen, for moving wall, and for land near the Harlow bridge.....	6 50
Jeremy B. Read, for work on the road near Calvin Howard's..... ...	3 75
for making 23 rods of new road near Abel Fletcher's.....	20 13
Jonas Prescott, for plank.....	50
John B. Fletcher, for 1 plough point	75
Abijah Read, for work on the road near Calvin Howard's,	2 50
B. N. Bradt, for sharpening drills.....	37
Abel Fletcher, for damages by land being taken for a new road.....	70 00
Nathan S. Hamblin, for building stone bridge at Sand Hill	254 00
building stone bridge at Harlow's,	174 00
repairs near Harlow's bridge.....	1 50
Amount carried forward.....	$582 34

Amount brought forward	$582 34
work and powder on the road by C. Howard's	4 45
work near Asia Hamblin's on the road	87
work done on the road at T. Richardson's, and cash paid Levi Flint,	3 00
A. W. Cummings, for services on the building of the bridge at Sand Hill	10 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for powder and safety fuse delivered to Caleb Wright	48
David P. Lawrence, for building 31 rods of road near Abel Fletcher's	72 50
	$673 64

BREAKING OUT ROADS.

George Kidder	$ 6 38
Isaac Day	7 87
Elial Heywood	15 00
John Davis, for 1845	1 65
Amos Hildreth, 2d	6 25
Nathan S. Hamblin	4 50
A. W. Cummings	21 87
Asia Nutting	19 32
Isaac Minott	8 62
F. Leland	2 25
Abijah Hildreth	12 80
Levi T. Fletcher	32 12
Orin Cooledge	5 50
Bela Wright	24 25
Eliakim Hutchings, Jr	1 75
Amos Leighton	3 62
Jacob Osgood	11 00
Joseph Hildreth	3 75
Wm. Chandler	21 62
Jonas Prescott	21 56
John Dane	9 43
Samuel Fletcher	6 41
George Davis	2 12
John B. Fletcher	27 15
Samuel C. Tenney	1 00
Levi Wright, Jr	3 38
	$ 281 17

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, $1000.00.
Received from the State, 63.04.

Paid Otis Longley, Agent for School District No. 1....					$188	58
Elial Heywood,	"	"	"	" 2....	124	95
Jonas Prescott,	"	"	"	" 3....	94	11
Abel Fletcher,	"	"	"	" 4....	100	85
David Whitney,	"	"	"	" 5....	132	67
George Lawes,	"	"	"	" 6....	113	39
E. A. Herwood,	"	"	"	" 7....	115	31
Horatio Wright,	"	"	"	" 8....	98	34
William W. Edes,	"	"	"	" 9....	94	11
					$1062	31

Unexpended, $0.73.

MILITARY.

Paid 35 soldiers.....	$167 50

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES INCLUDING COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Isaac Day, for mowing brush in the graveyard....	$ 3 00
District No. 1, for use of hall for Armory.....	12 00
Sampson Stevens, for a bier.....	2 33
Ephraim Abbot, for surveying.....	1 00
for services on School Committee,	10 00
Jeremy B. Read, for attending 9 funerals.....	4 05
Edward Symnes, for services on School Committee,	10 00
for collecting and registration of 16 births.....	80
Levi Wright, Jr., for appraising property at the Poor house.....	3 00
Wm. W. Goodhue, for attending 23 funerals.....	10 35
for going to Littleton.....	1 25
for washing hearse.....	50
for mending hearse.....	25
Benjamin Osgood, for vaccinating a part of the inhabitants of the Town.....	25 00
Sidney Drinkwater, for vaccinating a part of the habitants of the Town.....	25 00
Eli Tower, for collecting taxes the year 1846.....	49 32
David C. Butterfield, for entertainment of Selectmen and Assessors, and room furnished,	34 37
John Osgood, for services as committee to appraise property at the Poor house.....	2 50
Amount carried forward.....	$194 72

Amount brought forward	$194 72
Samuel Fletcher, for services as Town Treasurer..	4 00
Ephraim Wright, for services as Town Treasurer,	8 00
H. P. Herrick, for collecting taxes 1843	1 50
for furnishing, painting, lettering, and distributing 17 guide boards....	20 40
Joel Taylor, for printing 100 highway lists	3 50
The First Parish, for use of meetinghouse to hold town meetings in.....	16 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher for tax book.....	11 25
for postage and stationary.....	3 60
Horace Hildreth, for painting 2 guide boards.....	1 50
Stedman Butterfield, County Treasurer, for cost on indictment on the road near Calvin Howard's.....	11 20
F. A. Hildreth, for printing reports for the year 1845.....	11 50
Leonard Luce, for services on School Committee for the year 1845.....	10 00
Eli Tower, Collector, abatement of taxes for the year 1846.....	27 21
T. P. Wright, Collector, abatement of taxes for the year 1845.....	4 02
H. P. Herrick, Collector, abatement of taxes for the year 1843.....	4 32
Albert Leighton, for making taxes 12 days and taking the invoice.....	12 00
for six days' board.....	1 50
N. S. Hamblin, for making taxes 10 days.....	11 00
for services as Selectman.....	5 00
for putting up guideboard and post, for laying out road by Abel Fletcher's house, and letting out the same	2 00
Phineas Chamberlain, for laying out road near Abel Fletcher's	2 00
going to Lowell.....	1 00
making taxes and taking invoice 12 days, and board.....	13 50
services as Selectman.....	5 00
J. W. P. Abbot, for cash paid Thomas Hutchins, and services in the action of Thomas Hutchins against the Town.....	67 50
for cash paid on an indictment on the road leading from Caleb Blake's to George Harlow's, found A. D., 1842.....	33 13
for writing contract for bridge at Sand Hill.....	1 50
Amount carried forward.....	$488 10

Amount brought forward		$488 10
for cash paid Andrew Fletcher for returning 7 births in S. District No. 7		36
for cash paid Moses Byam, Chelmsford, for returning four deaths		20
for procuring discharge of indictment and paying cost		2 00
for writing Treasurer's bonds for Ephraim Wright		1 00
for recording 33 births		2 64
for recording 6 deaths		48
for services as Town Clerk for 1846,		12 00
		$506 78

POOR.

Paid by orders on the Town Treasurer	$ 515 94

RECAPITULATION.

Sums raised, deducting County Tax	$ 3108 65	
Received from the State School Fund	63 04	
Received from the State Treasury for the Military	190 50	
		$ 3,362 19
Paid for Roads and Bridges	$ 673 64	
for breaking out roads	281 17	
for Schools	1062 31	
Military money	167 50	
Incidental expenses, including abatement of taxes	506 88	
for the Poor	515 94	
		$ 3,207 44
Leaving a balance in favor of the Town		$ 154 75

ALBERT LEIGHTON,
NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
PHINEAS CHAMBERLAIN,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT

OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit to the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, the following Report, concerning the maintenance and support of the Poor, from Feb. 7, 1846, to Feb. 7, 1847.

Amount of personal property at the Poor house, including farming tools and furniture, as by appraisal of the Committee Feb. 7, 1846		$ 1,262 28
By appraisal of the Committee, Feb. 7, 1847		1,351 58
Gain on personal property		$ 89 30
Amount drawn from the Town Treasury		$ 515 94
Received of Solomon Nutting, balance due on last year's settlement		38 82
of John Abbot, Trustee for S. Dexter		11 14
left by John Keyes		9 87
of Solomon Nutting for produce sold from the farm, etc., to wit:		
713 lbs. of butter		134 54
267½ lbs. of lard		21 40
162½ lbs. of salt pork		14 63
oxen sold		95 00
hay sold		25 20
straw sold		5 50
turkeys sold		10 50
calves sold		32 72
one cow		24 00
Received of Solomon Nutting, as by his books		17 08
Received of Thomas Richardson, for work		8 03
		$964 47

And have paid out the following sums, to wit:

Paid Solomon Nutting, Master of the Poor house, up to April 1st, 1846	$225 00
Sidney Drinkwater, for medical attendance	9 76
Abel Rugg, for repairing tin, etc	4 87
Thomas Richardson, for meat	26 23
Thomas Richardson, for sawing	1 43
David C. Butterfield, for meal	11 56
David C. Butterfield, for meal for the year 1844	1 43
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for goods	43 88
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for Patty Dutton	43
Amount carried forward	$324 58

Amount brought forward	$324 58
Benjamin Osgood, for medical attendance	9 57
George Harlow, for pump box in 1844	84
Albert Leighton, for a truss for Martha Cummings,	2 75
Daniel Campbell, for keeping Martha Read	13 00
Ephraim Wright, for making 3 coffins	7 50
Nathaniel Watson, of the House of Correction, for the county of Middlesex, for Moses Hildreth	8 71
for Calvin Cummings	7 09
Abijah Read, for grafting	3 08
J. B. Read, for grafting	3 08
the town of Littleton, for Abel Hildreth	13 00
the city of Boston, for Samuel Read	2 00
the city of Boston, for Judith Bennett	21 42
S. L. Hospital, for Lettice W. B. Proctor	66 08
for flour	15 50
for rye	20 42
for corn	7 30
Wm. Livingston, for coal	20 63
Wm. Elis, for work haying	29 00
Calvin Green, for work	5 00
for posts and nails	3 11
Stephen Hayden, for work	6 38
for 4 shoats	21 17
for oxen	62 25
the town of Charlestown, for Samuel Read	3 29
as by S. Nutting's books	34 04
N. S. Hamblin, for paying bill at Charlestown	50
for going to Littleton to see about Abel Hidreth, twice	2 00
for paying bill at Boston for Samuel Read	50
for going to Worcester with Moses Keyes	2 00
for cutting scions to be used on the Poor farm	75
for cash paid for carrying Moses Keyes to Worcester	16 97
for cash paid for bringing Mrs. Lettice and W. B. Proctor from Worcester	1 50
for making out report for 1845	3 00
for services as Overseer of the Poor for the year 1846	5 00
Phineas Chamberlain, for cash paid for making clothes for Patty Dutton	75
Amount carried forward	$743 76

Amount brought forward		$743 76
for going to Littleton after Abel Hildreth		1 00
for going to Acton to search records,		1 25
for going to Pepperell to search records		2 75
for services as Overseer of the Poor, 1846		5 00
		$753 76
Solomon Nutting's note paid into the Treasury		$187 99
Due from Albert Leighton, on account		11 86
Due from Barnard Read, on account		4 12
Cash in the Overseers' hands		22 72
Due from Groton, for the support of Jonathan Keep		3 50
		$230 19

RECAPITULATION.

Cash drawn from the Treasury	$515 94	
Paid from all other sources	448 53	
		$964 47
Paid out		753 76
Balance of receipts unexpended		$ 210 71
Due from Albert Leighton, on an account		11 86
Due from Barnard Read, on an account		4 12
Cash in Overseers' hands		22 72
Due from the town of Groton		3 50
Gain on personal property		89 30
		$ 342 21
From cash drawn from the town Treasury	$ 515 94	
Deduct	342 21	
Leaves	$ 173 73	
Add interest on farm	300 00	
Outstanding claims estimated at	80 00	
	$ 553 73	

Which is the whole expense of the Poor for the year ending Feb. 7, 1847.

ALBERT LEIGHTON,
NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
PHINEAS CHAMBERLAIN,
Overseers of the Poor of Westford.